

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8236  
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PLOS, UK, FR  
SUBJECT: FRANCE-UK CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY

REF: STATE 218011

1. UK AND FRANCE HAVE NOT ACTUALLY DRAWN A BOUNDARY LINE FOR DELIMITATION OF CONTINENTAL SHELF EASTWARD OF 30 MINUTES WEST, BUT UK IS NOW CONSIDERING TAKING UP THE MATTER OF DRAWING A PRECISE LINE WITH THE FRENCH. FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, BOTH AGREED THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE AREAS IN DISPUTE, THE BOUNDARY WOULD BE THE MEDIAN LINE.

2. SINCE THERE WAS NO EXPECTATION THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY OIL OR GAS DEPOSITS IN THE AREA EASTWARD OF 30 MINUTES WEST AND BECAUSE IT IS AN AREA OF HEAVY MARITIME TRAFFIC, THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD NOT CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO DRAW A PRECISE BOUNDARY LINE. ANOTHER PROBLEM INHIBITING THEM FROM ESTABLISHING THE LINE IS THAT NO PRECISE TRI-POINT HAS BEEN AGREED AMONG BELGIUM, FRANCE AND THE UK FROM WHICH TO BEGIN THE UK-FRANCE MEDIAN LINE.

3. UK HAS PROMISED TO FURNISH EMBASSY A MAP SHOWING  
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WHERE THE UK BELIEVES THE LINE SHOULD BE. WHEN RECEIVED, EMBASSY WILL FORWARD IT TO THE DEPT. FOR INR/RGE.

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